THE PRO-CATHEDRAL'SWORK

IT AIMS TO RAISE EAST SIDE HUMANITY TO A HIGHER LEVEL.

OW IT WORKS THROUGH CLUBS, LECTURES GYMNASIUM, BATHS AND OTHER CIVILIZING INFLUENCES. AS WELL AS RELIGION.

In the midst of a population more closely and dangerously congested than that of any section of any city in the world, most varied in its racial types and influenced and swayed by national prejudices and instincts in a way scarcely paralleled elsewhere in any section of the surface of the world of equal extent, stands the Pro-Cathedral. It is in Stanton-st., about six blocks from the Bowery. Around it are Orchard-st. and Essex-st. and Chrystie-st. and Ludlow-st., and a score of other narrow streets overrun in the daytime by children and men and women and dogs, pedlers, drays, carts and trucks of all descriptions. Out into this seething mass of humanity the Pro-Cathedral has been throwing its hundred saving arms for many years, and the extent of its influence and the amount of solid and enduring good it has been able to accomplish only those who have participated and aided in its work can know.

The work of the Pro-Cathedral is not dissimilar from that undertaken by other churches in the crowded portions of the East Side, but it is without an exact parallel in this city because the conditions of population that confronts it are most varied and manifold. It aims to touch the people of that district on every side of their lives. Its work as a church is not simply that of worship. It deals with all the influences that may be expected to raise a horde of humanity higher than the level in which it is found. It is because of this that the Pro-Cathedral has men's clubs without any avowedly religious objects, simply to furnish a place where men may come for social purposes without resorting to the saloon, which is as a rule the great social magnet of the lower East Side. for this reason that the Pro-Cathedral offers to the residents of the East Side lectures on various topics, educational, civic and literary, For this reason the gymnasium, the baths, the schools and the social organizations of the Pro-Cathedral have come into existence. The belief that the church owes a duty to the city as well as to the individual is the basis for all the manifold activities of the Pro-Cathedral.

On the same principle those in charge of the institution, for such it is, announce the fact haps, for those whom they have no immediate diffuse the spirit of Christianity among them upon them the doctrines of any theology. Many ened Christanity and to the spirit of Americanism as it is possible to conceive. They are ignorant, filthy, often debased, degraded and utterly lacking in the faintest appreciation of morality. With such as these the most that can be hoped for is an awakening of a spark of hopeful discontent with present conditions and a consequent willingness to take advantage of the opportunities for enlightenment that are

The work of the Pro-Cathedral is designed to be as largely personal as possible, and for this been many, but in the cases in which success was noted they have found encouragement to proceed in face of the thousand and one difficulties. The extent of the difficulties with which consideration of the results obtained in one block of the district covered. In that block but three Christian families were found, and in one in which, by the way, eighteen families lived, but one family was found to be Christian. These eighteen families contained one hundred and eighteen human beings, of which number fifty were children. Fifty children in one house!

The activities of the Pro-Cathedral are many. Its men's clubs hold "smokers" regularly during the winter, and the attendance averages thirtyhas a library and a plano and gives the boys a chance to enjoy themselves without spending their time in the streets. The Cathedral Cadets offer another attraction to the boys, and they enter into the drills with marked enthusiasm. The gymnasium is extremely popular and its capacity is fully tested. The charity of the institution is carefully and wisely directed and covers a deal of ground. The Rev. H. R. Hulse, the vicar in charge, believes thoroughly that the hope of the system is in getting hold of the young people, the boys and girls, in that city of fire-escapes and doorsteps and curbings, and imbuing them so far as possible with the spirit of true Christianity.

THE MAJOR DODGED THE LIGHTNING.

HE TELLS OF AN INGENIOUS GERMAN'S GREAT INVENTION.

Prom The San Francisco Call.

"T see," said Major Blazen as he took a cigar out of my vest pocket and proceeded to light it. "that the statistics show that deaths from lightning are becoming more frequent every year."

We were slitting in the lobby of the Occidental Hote, and the Major had a red-colored volume on his knee, which he had been reading prior to my intrusion.

merely nodded, knowing that my silence was relikely to draw him into conversation than my s.
paffed vigorously at my cigar for a few min-and then began:

"Yes, sir; the deaths are becoming more frequent every year, and I wonder that no one in this coun-try has ever invented a patent lightning conductor that could be carried about the person by people living in the districts where electrical storms are be frequent."

Again he puffed at his cigar, stopping only to expectorate thoughtfully at a cuspidor removed some two yards from his feet. He did not hit it, but the matter did not seem to worry him much. "Talk about Yankee ingenuity," he said presently, "why." I know a German who beat us hollow. He was a scientist of the first water and had a trunk full of diplomas and all that sort of thing. I met him out in Buenos Ayres some years ago, where, as you know, electrical storms are very frequent and of great force."

I was not aware of any such thing, but nodded again.

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THE MORI SNAKE DANCE.

A WEIRD AND HORRIBLE CEREMONY CARRIED ON BY ARIZONA INDIANS.

VENOMOUS RATTLESNAKES HELD IN THE MOUTHS OF PRIESTS WHILE THE HORRIBLE CERE-MONY GOES ON-TRADITION OF ITS ORIGIN. Washington correspondence of The Nashville

clirdest, most grewsome and areas a country signous ceremonial of any people of a country signous ceremonial of any people of a country signous ceremonial of any people of a country signous and is held annually. See who have witnessed the dance say that the cry of it haunts their slumbers, and the cereis in which the reptiles were included came if yellow their minds vision for weeks, aye, this, afterward. Writhing reptiles, twining assives about the figures of the partly naked ages, or held in the mouth sticking out to the it and left like the mustaches of fiends, or the ils own imps, hissing and rattling vainly in otent rage, the low chant of the Indians rising ha creacendo to the highest pitch of frenzy, fascinating yet loathsome gilding and swaying fascinating yet loathsome gilding and swaying ordinary spectator at the Walpi snake dance,

No white man would do them. Brother, be more,"

A RELIGIOUS CEREMONY.

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"The snake dance," Professor Fewkes said to "The American" correspondent, "is a religious ceremony intended to propitiate the gods so that the growth of the corn will be hastened, and the main object is to bring rain. The dance always happens about the middle of August. Makios claim that the snakes are elder brothers and treat them with the greatest consideration. They have a tradition that in olden times there was a snake woman married by a chief of the Moki tribe. He took her home to his people and endeavored to make them reconciled to her. Everything went well until the first children were born. They had the form of snakes and bit the other children, until the whole family was forced to migrate from the rest of the tribe. They founded the two towns which the Mokios now inhabit. The subsequent children of the pair were human and were the supposters of the present Making the

from the east and west, all the snakes found in these directions being captured. These are placed

isonous kind. The child whimpered a little, a father spoke a word to him and he stopped lately, as there is not allowed to be a word during the proceedings in the kiva.

BEGINNING THE CEREMONY.

ccremonies were begun with a low of e squatted men, who were not t part in the ceremonal kept time. The priests, is anding at the jars, lifted the huckskin covering genity upon the tops of the jars, and suddenly dashed their hands down in them. As the snakes were being taken out the chant increased in volume. The men passed the snakes to the other priests near the middle of the room, in front of vhom were bowls centalning some decocion. These priests took snakes, holding them in their fists, with the heads pointing upward, over the bowl keeping time with the snakes, meanwhile, as the chant was sung. It raised higher and higher until it resembled a veritable war-cry. At this point the priests plunged the snakes into the water, then threw them across the room on the altar, which was about three feet square. The altar, which was about three feet square. The altar, which was about three feet square the step were thrown on the altar, as would sometimes happen, they would dart over to the group of squatted men, but were bearen back with the whips, and their attention distraced by having the eagle feathers dangling before them. If one would coil he would get straight, and then would be picked up by the back of the neck. The Indians handled them with astreme carelessness, sometimes as if they had been mere ribbon.

The operation was repeated until the snakes lay in a squirming mass on the aliar. The light reflected on the face of the lindians, together with a bunch of snakes, and the whole surroundings, mads it appear a veritable pit of demons. I occupied a position among the press, on the south side. There were about ninety snakes altogether, a majority of them being rattlernakes. It was hard to understand how the priests kept from being bitten. They were apparently careless with the reptiles, but they knew how to handle them

"This washing occurred at noon of the ninth day. The Mokios are very careful when they enter upon these ceremonies to be perfectly clean, and the snake of the cremonies was spent by the priests and members of the order in attirting themselves and members of the

THE SNAKE PRIESTS FILE IN.

The snake priests filed in and marched four times around the booth, stamping on the log as the Antelopes had, one finally forming a parallel platoon with the other. The Antelopes began singing and the snake priests and members divided into trios. One is called a carrier, one a hugger, and one a gatherer.

cigar, as he pranced up and down in time to the singing.

"One of the priests took a handful of sacred meal and made a little circle with it on the plaza, in which the snakes are all bundled. Another priest addressed a prayer to them, which is supposed to be an admonition to the snakes to tell the gods to an admonition to the snakes to tell the gods to an admonition to the snakes and running with them to the grasping the snakes and running with them to the grasping the snakes and running with them to the grasping the snakes and running with them to the grasping the snakes snaw the ceremonics also at the Professor Fewkes saw the ceremonics also at the Professor Fewkes snaw the ceremonics also at the Professor Fewkes told "The American" correspondent of the manner in which he was initiated into the order of the Antelope. Having signified his into the order of the Antelope. Having signified his into the order of the Antelope. Having signified his into the order of the Antelope. Having signified his into the order of the Antelope. Having signified his that of the chosen an older members of the chose an older members of the chose an older members of the chose and older members of the chose of the

The Mokios are a most is account the, Froises or Fewkes said, having followed agricultural pursuits for many years, raising corn when they were first discovered about 1820. They have never received any ratiors from the Government, and at the present time have enough cern in their storellouses to last them for two years.

AN ODD ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE.

M. HEILMANN COMBINES A TRAVELLING STATION

What seems to many railroad men, mechanical and electrical experts and unprofessional people a curious experiment has been made in an engineer named Heilmann. He designed and built a locomotive on the following plan, and, after studying its workings carefully, he has made a second one which underwent its first

A furnace, boiler and engine, not of the usual locomotive class, but of the stationary type, such as one might find in a manufacturing es-The platform rested on sixteen moderately small wheels, of uniform size. On each of the eight but larger. And these were operated by the current generated by the dynamos. In other station, as is customary in trolley-line (or thirddispensed with. Another point of difference between this system and the modes of electric traction with which we Americans are familiar power plant for each train, whereas we Yankees would try to operate several trains, or numer-

hearing of this odd procedure, is: "If the man into electricity before applying it?" The addition; but even with the most perfect apparatus

whereas his system gets rid both of the original

There is great force to M. Heilmann's reasoning; and if he really secures all the economies likely to hear more of his system. Nothing retests are made on established steam roads.

BROKEN UP BY A SPOOK.

From The Cincinnati Enquirer.

One of the life-saving stations on the beach twenty miles below San Lucia, Flu., is to be absurded the control of the state of account of a ghost that warks there, and is not to be laid by any means at the command of the men.

The station is a State institution, and has been maintained there mostly by the people to all ship-wrecked mariners, as it is on a very fangerous part of the coast. Two years age a verse was wrecked near there, and only one passenger escaped, that being a very handsome girl of about eighteen.

PLOTKE'S FOOTBALL RULES.

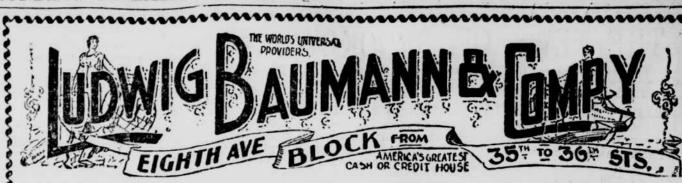
From The Chicago News.

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Alderman Plotke's ordinance has already resulted in a revolution in football methods. Prominent players throughout the country have asteed to change the same so that it can have no terror for the gentie Plotke heart. Before the season is over the new game will be played, and then there will be no occasion for the Plotke ordinance.

In the new game the players will wear evening suits, with slik hats and white kid gloves as side attractions. Instead of the old-time kickoff the ball will be rolled to a point previously agreed upon by both sides. There will be now tackling, but one of the grutlemen will approach the gentleman who is walking with the ball and in a courteous tone request the pleasure of relieving him of it. If the holder of the ball objects the matter will be referred to a board of arbitration, which in giving a decision will be governed by the length of time the holder has had the ball and by his general appearance.

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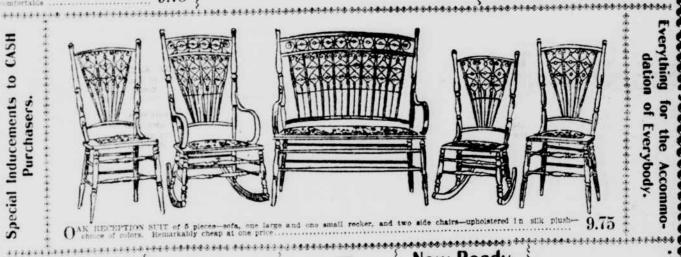
















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If COLONEL BONAPARTE MAY SUCCEED SENATOR GORMAN IN THE SENATE.

From The Philadelphia Times.

Colonel Charles Jerome Bonaparte, a grand-colonel Charles Jerome Bonaparte, a said to remment of Baltimore. Colonel Bonaparte is a shown of Napoleon, the first Emperor, is said to help a candidate for Senator Gorman's seal. Mr. Bonaparte is a lawyer of Baltimore, of great weaith and high social standing. He has had more or less and high social standing. He has had more or less and high social standing. He has had more or less and high social standing. He has had more or less and high social standing. He has had more or less and high social standing. He has had more or less and high social standing. He has had more or less and high social standing. He has had more or less and high social standing and high social standing are to a standing to do whith politics for many years, and has always been an active reformer. He was one of the charrence when the couple went to Europe Jerome was arrested and she was prohibited from landing. She would return to America and trouble her husband and no more. She agreed to on the masy of her children was acknowledged, which was done. Her husband afterward married Catherine, the daughter of the full band on the city government, in the Civil Service of the National Government, in the Civil Service of the National Civil